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FOR GARRISON FROM MATLOCK

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: OGEN  
SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. WITH REGARD TO DIXIE'S CALL TO TOM TRACY YESTERDAY, APPARENTLY FBO HAS TENTATIVELY DECIDED TO INSTALL A CENTRALLY WIRED LOW VOLTAGE SMOKE DETECTOR SYSTEM THROUGHOUT THE CHANCERY AND THE LIVING QUARTERS IN THE EMBASSY COMPLEX. THIS OF COURSE DOES NOT PROVIDE ANY PROTECTION TO SOME 80 APARTMENTS LOCATED OUTSIDE THE CHANCERY. THE BEST SYSTEMS ARE AC OPERATED BUT WE DOUBT THAT 230 VOLT 50 CYCLE SYSTEMS ARE READILY AVAILABLE IN THE US. THE BEST AC SYSTEM ACCORDING TO OUR EXPERTS IS MASTER LOCK'S MODEL 2553 WHICH COSTS \$80. THEIR MODEL 2551 IS CHEAPER AT \$60. CHEAPER BATTERY OPERATED MODELS FOR EXAMPLE, SEARS AND ROEBUCK'S CATALOGUE NO. 9H57063, COSTS APPROXIMATELY \$38.00 HOWEVER, THERE ARE SEVERE DRAWBACKS TO BATTERY OPERATED UNITS FOR EXAMPLE, HUD, FHA, AND VA ALLOW ONLY AC MODELS IN HOUSES THEY FINANCE. SECONDLY, TO BE EFFECTIVE THE DETECTORS MUST BE INSTALLED ON THE CEILING AND A PUSH BUTTON TEST PERFORMED AT LEAST ONCE A MONTH. IN OUR OLDER APARTMENTS WITH HIGH CEILINGS,

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THE CHANCES OF ANYBODY REGULARLY TESTING THEM ARE REMOTE. ASSUMING THAT EACH OF OUR APARTMENTS WOULD REQUIRE AN AVERAGE OF FOUR UNITS, IT WOULD COST OVER \$25,000 TO PROVIDE ENOUGH AC MODELS AND EVEN \$12,000 FOR THE UNSATISFACTORY BATTERY OPERATED MODEL. THE EMBASSY COULD NOT FUND \$25,000 FROM ITS RESOURCES.

2. FROM BARRY. FBO IS DRAGGING ITS FEET ON REACTING  
TO QUESTIONS WE ARE PUTTING TO THEM FOR DECISION. SUGGEST  
WE TRY TO SHORT-CIRCUIT THE PROCESS WITH JOHN T. SO THAT  
WE GET OUR MARCHING ORDERS TOMORROW. TELEGRAM WITH  
QUESTIONS TO BE DECIDED IS ON THE WAY, BUT SWAN-SEREY  
TELECON YIELDED LITTLE HOPE THAT ANY DECISION WOULD BE MADE.  
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